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SUBJECT SUMMARY OF TERRORIST AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL:

1. THIS REPORT GIVES A SUMMARY OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND  
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO US THE BY  
SECURITY FORCES DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 1978.

2. MAY 3 - THE RESIDENCE OF DR PABLO AMARO DE LA VEGA  
LOCATED AT ANDRES PASOS 182 IN PARANA WAS ATTACKED BY  
TERRORISTS WILL SMALL ARMS FIRE. NO ONE WAS INJURED.  
DR. DE LA VEGA IS CURRENTLY ACTING AS SECRETARY TO THE  
FEDERAL COURT OF APPEALS IN PARANA.  
- SECURITY FORCES HAVE OBTAINED A COPY OF A PAMPHLET  
ENTITLED "FOR NATIONAL UNITED IN THE DIRECTION OF A NEW  
RENOVATED DEMOCRACY." THIS PAMPHLET ANALYZES PRESIDENT  
VIDELA'S MESSAGE OF MAR 29, 1978 AND IS PRESENTLY BEING  
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UTILIZED BY PARTISAN ELEMENTS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.  
MAY 5- A PAMPHLET BOMB WENT OFF IN THE RAILWAY POLYCLINIC.  
IT CONTAINED MONTONERO LITERATURE. AT THE SAME TIME, AS  
EMPLOYEE OF THE CLINIC WAS INJURED WHEN HE PICKED UP AN  
ENVELOPE WHICH WAS BOOBY TRAPPED AND EXPLODED.  
MAY 9- RAILWAY UNITS IN SAN JUAN PROVINCE RECEIVED A  
PAMPHLET ENTITLED "FUTURE CHAIN FOR THE MOBILIZATION OF

THE RAILWAY GUERRILLAS AND OF THE PUBLIC AT LARGE." THE PAMPHLET WAS PREPARED BY MONTONERO UNITS IN BUENOS AIRES, SANTA FE, CORDOBA AND TUCUMAN. THE TEXT CRITICIZED THE ACTIONS OF THE NATIONAL GOVT, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO ECONOMIC POLICIES AND ITS CONSEQUENCES ON SALARIED WORKERS. IT ENCOURAGED RAILWAY WORKERS TO JOIN THE MONTONERO MOVEMENT AND TO DISCREDIT GOVT AUTHORITIES DURING THE WORLD CUP.

MAY 9- MR. ENRIQUE BENARES, PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, WAS ATTACKED IN FRONT OF HIS RESIDENCE BY MONTONERO ELEMENTS. HE WAS SHOT AND WOUNDED IN THE LEFT SHOULDER. MR. BENARES IS AN ACCOUNTANT FOR PEUGEOT, CITROEN AND LOSSIDOR. SEVERAL DAYS LATER, MONTONERO ELEMENTS CONTACTED HIM AND TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD BEEN LUCKY AND THEY WERE GOING TO KILL HIM IF HE DID NOT LEAVE ARGENTINA. UNDER THE RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF OF FEDERAL POLICE COMISARIO GENERAL OJEDA, MR. BENARES CAME TO THE EMBASSY TO APPLY FOR A SHORT TERM VISA FOR THE US IN ORDER TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL MEDICAL TREATMENT AND TO REMOVE HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY FROM ARGENTINA UNTIL THE END OF THE WORLD CUP.

- ON THE SAME DATE, PAMPHLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED IN THE AREA OF CARRODILLA, MENDOZA PROVINCE. PAMPHLETS WERE ENTITLED "UNITY FOR THE FIT." PAMPHLETS WERE AUTHORED BY THE COMMUNIST-MARXIST-LENINIST PARTY, FORMERLY VANGUARDIA COMUNISTA.
- ON THE SAME DATE, A BOMB WAS DETONATED AT THE TEATRO

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GENERAL SAN MARTIN IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. THE BOMB WAS IN A PEUGEOT 504 WHICH HAD BEEN STOLEN SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE AND PARKED IN THE UNDERGROUND GARAGE. THE FEDERAL POLICE EXPLOSIVE BRIGADE RESPONDED TO DEACTIVATE THE BOMB BUT IT DETONATED. TWO FEDERAL POLICE OFFICERS WERE KILLED. THE EXPLOSIVE CHARGE WAS 3-4 KILOS, DID CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO THE AREA AND ALSO SERIOUSLY WOUNDED ONE YOUNG CHILD. THIS ACT WAS ATTRIBUTED TO A PRT/ERP SUPPORT GROUP RECENTLY ACTIVATED.

MAY 10- AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS PLACED UNDERNEATH THE VEHICLE OF SUBCOMISARIO VALVERDE OF THE RAILWAY SUPERINTENDENCY. THE VEHICLE WAS PARKED IN FRONT OF HIS HOME IN VILLA MADERO. THE EXPLOSION CAUSED MATERIAL DAMAGE.

MAY 11- UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS FIRED SHOTS FROM A VEHICLE AT A GOVT UTILITIES BUILDING LOCATED IN SANTA FE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND THE ATTACKERS ESCAPED.

MAY 12- FEDERAL POLICE DISCOVERED MONTONERO LITERATURE IN A VEHICLE AT MITRE AND SAVALLS. THE LITERATURE WAS ENTITLED "RESISTANCIA MONTONEROS."

- ON THE SAME DATE, THE FIRE DEPT. RESPONDED TO A BURNING TRUCK AT LEYVA AND AYACHUCHO STS. IN THE TRUCK WERE MONTONERO DOCUMENTS TAKING CREDIT FOR AN ATTACK ON A

POLICE VEHICL ON 12-9-76.

- ON THE SAME DATE THERE WAS AN ATTACK ON THE TRUCK  
OF PARICCI CO. BY PERSONS USING MOLOTOV COCKTAILS. IT IS  
UNCERTAIN IF THIS WAS AN ACT BY TERRORIST OR LABOR ELEMENTS.

- ON THE SAME DATE, POLICE PERSONNEL DISCOVERED MONTONERO  
POSTERS ON THE DOOR OF THE MATERNITY SECTION IN A CENTRAL  
HOSPITAL. THE LITERATURE HAD THE SEAL OF THE "RESISTANCIA  
MONTONERO."

MAY 14- TERRORISTS IN A FORD PICKUP TRUCK ATTACKS FEDERAL  
POLICE AGENT CARLOS VANASI, USING MACHINE PISTOLS. THE  
POLICE AGENT WAS UNINJURED AND THE ATTACKERS ESCAPED.

MAY 16- MR. JOSE MAIZ, OWNER OF SUPERMARKET MAIZ IN  
MENDOZA REPORTED THAT WHEN HE OPENED HIS BUSINESS THAT  
MORNING HE DISCOVERED A WARNING NOTICE THAT THE MONTONEROS

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HAD PLANTED A BOMB IN THE PREMISES.

MAY 17- AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS DETONATED AT A SUB-  
STATION OF THE WATER AND ENERGY COMMISSION IN SANTA FE,  
CAUSING MATERIAL DAMAGE.

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- ON THE SAME DATE, AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS PLACED ON THE WATER AND ENERGY BUILDING IN ROSARIO. BOTH ACTS ARE ATTRIBUTED TO MONTONEROS.

- ON THE SAME DATE, POLICE PERSONNEL DISCOVERED IN A TRANSPORT COMPANY, ZEUS SRL, A LARGE PACKAGE WHICH HAD BEEN THERE FOR ONE YEAR AND HAD NOT BEEN PICKED UP. PACKAGE CONTAINED ELEMENTS FOR MAKING EXPLOSIVES.

MAY 18- EXPLOSIVE BRIGADE OF ROSARIO REMOVED AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE FROM THE STELLA MARIS SCHOOL IN ROSARIO.

MAY 19- POLICE DISCOVERED PAMPHLETS IN THE SUPERMARKET AT MITRE AND GENERAL PAZ IN THE CAPITAL OF MENDOZA. THE PAMPHLETS HAD A PICTURE OF CHE GUEVARA AND THE SLOGANS "FOR AN AMERICAN FREE OF FASCIST BOOTS." FOR THE VICTORY ALWAYS." SIMILAR PAMPHLETS WERE FOUND IN THE PLAZA SAN MARTIN IN THE CAPITAL CITY.

MAY 22- A BOMB EXPLODED IN THE PREMISES OF FATE S.A., LOCATED AT SAN MARTIN AND ITUZAINGO STS. IN ROSARIO. THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS MADE OF 50 GRAMS OF EXOGENE.

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- ON THE SAME DATE, THE DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL OF DIFFERENT LANGUAGES IN ENTRE RIOS RECEIVED PAMPHLETS ENTITLED "THE MOVEMENT." THE PAMPHLETS DISCREDITED THE PRESENT GOVT AND WERE AUTHORED BY THE MONTONERO-PERONIST-MOVEMENT.

MAY 24- A BOMB EXPLODED ON THE RAILWAY TRACKS OF THE MITRE LINE NEAR ROSARIO. ON THE SAME DATE, THE UNION TRANSVARIOUS AUTOMOTIVES OF TUCUMAN RECIVED FROM THE WORKERS BRANCH OF THE MPM, A COPY OF A LETTER WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY SENT TO THE AMBASSADOR OF ITALY AND ARGENTINA STATING THE MONTONERO POSITION REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION OF ALDO MORO.

MAY 25- IN AN ART GALLERY LOCATED AT CONGRSSO IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL, ERP SYMBOLS WERE PAINTED ON THE WALL. ON THE SAME DATE, IN THE PLAZA INDEPENDENCIA SIMILAR FLAGS WERE FOUND SEVERAL MINUTES BEFORE AN OFFICIAL CEREMONY.

MAY 26- SECURITY FORCES COLLECTES SUBVERSIVE MATERIAL THAT HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE PARANA REGION.

- ON THE SAME DATE, THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH RECEIVED FROM SAN DIEGO, CA A PAMPHLET ENTITLED, "MPM BRANCH OF PROFESSIONAL, INTELLECTUAL AND ARGENTINE ARTISTS OF THE MPM." THE PAMPHLET MENTIONED THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROFESSIONAL AND INTELLECTUAL BRANCH OF THE MPM.

MAY 28- NEAR FLORIDA, A SUBURB OF BUENOS AIRES, MIMEOGRAPHED PAMPHLETS WERE FOUND ENTITLED "ALERTA TUCUMANOS." ALERTA ARGENTINOS," AND "ALERTA MONTONEROS." OTHER PAMPHLETS WERE FOUND IN THE NATIONAL UNIV. OF TUCUMAN.

MAY 29- IN LA PLATA, MONTONERO STICKERS WERE RECEIVED. THEY WERE THE SAME AS THE 7 X 11 COM. UTILIZED TO ADVERTISE THE WORLD CUP. THEY HAVE THE INSCRIPTION OF THE WORLD CUP GAUCHO AS A BACKGROUND. THE GAUCHO HAS A SECRET

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LANCE IN HIS RIGHT HAND WITH THE FOLLOWING INSCRIPTION: "STICK IT TO VIDELA, THIS GAME IS WON BY THE PEOPLE." THE AUTHORS WERE THE MONTONEROS.

MAY 29- THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION ON THE BRIDGE OF ROUTE 9 IN TUCUMAN. THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE CONSISTED OF 4-5 KILOS OF PLASTIQUE. THERE WERE NO INJURED. THERE WERE MONTONERO SLOGANS PAINTED ON THE RAILING OF THE BRIDGE. MAY 29-- SECURITY FORCES STATED THAT MONTONEROS WOULD BE MAKING WIDE USE OF EXPLOSIVES DURING THE WORLD CUP. ONE METHOD WOULD BE TO PLANT EXPLOSIVES INSIDE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS SIMILAR TO THE TYPE USED FOR AUTOS.

- ON THE SAME DATE, THEY ALSO REPORTED THAT A BOOK ENTITLED "MOVEMENT 5", AN ORGAN OF THE SUPERIOR COUNCIL OF THE MONTONEROS, WAS RECEIVED IN AN ENGINEERING AND CHEMICAL SCHOOL IN ARGENTINA. THE BOOK WAS SENT FROM NEW YORK AND PREPARED IN JANUARY 78. THERE WERE ALSO PAMPHLETS FROM THE PROFESSIONAL, INTELLECTUAL AND ARTISTIC BRANCH OF THE MONTONERO MOVMENT. MAY 30- A FARMHOUSE LOCATED AT KM 450 ON ROUTE 11 WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED, AS THE RESULT OF AN EXPLOSION. THE PROPERTY BELONGED TO SAMUEL GLUE, A BUSINESSMAN. THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE HAD BEEN PLACED ON THE SIDE OF THE FARMHOUSE.

MAY 30- A DELEGATION UOCRA (CONSTRUCTION WORKERS UNION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA) IN SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO AND THE LIGHT AND POWER UNION OF THE SAME CITY RECEIVED BY MAIL A COPY OF THE LETTER SENT BY THE MONTONEROS TO THE AMBASSADOR OF ITALY.

MAY 31- IN SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO, A PAMPHLET WAS RECEIVED BY MAIL FROM THE MONTONEROS OUTLINING THEIR POSITION CONCERNING THE WORLD SOCCER CUP.

- IN THE CITY OF PARANA LETTERS WERE RECEIVED BY LABOR OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE COMMUNICATION SENT BY THE MONTONEROS TO THE AMBASSADOR OF ITALY.

MAY 31- MONTONERO PAMPHLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED AT THE INTERSECTION OF RAMON FALCON AND ARAUJO STS. OF THE FEDERAL SECRET

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CAPITAL. THE PAMPHLETS CONTAINED INFORMATION FROM THE MONTONERO NEWS NUMBER 11 OF THE MONTHS OF MAY/JUNE.

THERE WAS A SPECIAL EDITION BY TULIO VALENZUELA REGARDING  
PLOT BY THE ARGENTINE MILITARY GOVT TO ASSASSINATE  
MARIO FIRMECH AND INCLUDING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE  
RIOT AT VILLA DEVOTO JAIL. END CONFIDENTIAL

3. BEGIN NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION: SECRET:

RSO COMMENT: RSO RECENTLY MET WITH MEMBERS OF THE  
ARGENTINE SECURITY SERVICE TO REVIEW REPORTS OF PRT/ERP

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ACTIVITIES. SOURCE STATED THAT THE PRT/ERP STILL RETAIN  
A LIMITED ACTION CAPABILITY IN ARGENTINA. AT THE PRESENT  
TIME THEY ARE TRYING TO REBUILD POLITICAL ELEMENTS OF THEIR  
ORGANIZATION BUT THEY DONT HAVE SUFFICIENT SUPPORT CADRE  
TO CARRY OUT SERIOUS POLITICAL OPERATIONS. NORMALLY  
SUPPORT PERSONNEL WERE NOT DIRECT MEMBERS OF PRT AND ERP  
BUT SYMPATHIZERS DRAWN FROM THE GENERAL SYMPATHETIC  
MASSES. UNDER THE PRESENT CRISIS, THE ONLY SUPPORT  
PERSONNEL AVAILABLE MUST BE DRAWN FROM PRT/ERP RANKS.

4. SOURCE STATED THAT PRESENT PRT/ERP STRENGTH IN  
ARGENTINE IS APPROXIMATELY 150 WITH AN ADDITIONAL SMALL  
SUPPORT CADRE. THIS IS DOWN FROM THEIR PEAK STRENGTH

OF 3500 IN THE MID 70S. OF THESE 3500, APPROXIMATELY  
1300 WERE ERP COMBATANTS. THEY HAD A STRONG SUPPORT  
CADRE SYSTEM USED FOR LOGISTICS, PROPAGANDA AND RECRUIT-  
MENT. UNDER THE ORIGINAL PLAN, ARGENTINA HAD BEEN  
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DIVIDED INTO OPERATIONAL REGIONS, INCLUDING BUENOS AIRES  
REGION, THE PARANA REGION WITH ITS INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES,  
THE CORDOBA REGION, ROSARIO REGION AND THE TUCUMAN REGION.  
THESE REGIONS WERE DIVIDED INTO ZONES AND SEVERAL  
ZONES INCLUDING SALTA DND NEUQUEN WERE SEPARATE FROM  
REGIONAL DIRECTION. THERE WAS ALSO A SPECIAL AREA AND  
COMPANY IN TUCUMAN,  
THAT WAS UNDER THE DIRECT COMMAND OF BUENOS AIRES.  
EACH REGION HAD A MILITARY STRUCTURE WITH MILITARY  
COMPANIES. THE COMPANIES CONSISTED OF APPROXIMATELY  
70-90 PERSONS. THEY WERE DIVIDED INTO SQUADS AND THE  
SQUADS DIVIDED INTO CELLS OF 3-6 MEN. AT PRESENT, THIS  
STRUCTURE NO LONGER EXISTS. INDIVIDUAL ERP AND PRT  
MEMBERS ARE WORKING IN SMALL UNITS. HOWEVER, THE OVERALL  
VERTICAL DIRECTION OF THE MOVEMENT REMAINS STRONG, BUT  
THE CELLS WORK WITH LITTLE INTERFACE.

5. SOURCE STATED THERE HAVE BEEN NO MEETINGS OF THE  
PRT/ERP NATIONAL CONGRESS OR CENTRAL COMMITTEE SINCE  
ITS LAST MEETING IN SAO PAULO IN FEBRUARY 1977. THE  
LAST MAJOR MEETING IN ARGENTINA WAS IN MORENO IN FEB 76  
AND THAT INCLUDED PRT/ERP, TUPAMAROS, BOLIVIAN TERRORISTS  
AND THE CHILEAN MIR. THAT MEETING WAS RAIDED BY SECURITY  
FORCES AND THE ERP LOST THE CHIEF OF THEIR INTELLIGENCE  
STRUCTURE. EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE ERP ATTEMPTED TO  
INFILTRATE TWO LEADERS BACK INTO THE COUNTRY BUT THEY  
WERE CAPTURED.

6. SOURCE STATED THAT SINCE ROBERTO SANTUCHOS DEATH  
ON 7-19-76 THE PRINCIPAL PRT/ERP LEADERSHIP HAS LEFT THE  
COUNTRY AND OPERATE FROM ABROAD. THEIR MAIN EFFORTS  
HAVE BEEN AIMED AT OBTAINING SOLIDARITY WITH MARXIST  
GROUPS IN EUROPE. THEY ARE STILL OPERATING  
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WITH THE LEADERS THAT VACATED ARGENTINA IN 1976 AND  
EARLY 1977. NORMALLY THE PRT/ERP MEMBERSHIP FOR EACH AREA  
ELECTS A DEPUTY TO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS ONCE EVERY  
THREE YEARS. THE NATIONAL CONGRESS DETERMINES THE  
GENERAL POSTURE OF THE PARTY AND CHOOSES THE 17-MEMBER

CENTRAL COMMITTEE. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE APPOINTS THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF APPROXIMATELY 11 MEMBERS WHO MEET EVERY THREE MONTHS. THIS EXEC. COMMITTEE APPOINTS MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY BUREAU. THIS PROCESS IS CALLED "DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM." THE MOST IMPORTANT BUREAU AT PRESENT IS THE POLITICAL BUREAU. THE EXEC. COMMITTEE IS ALSO SUPPORTED BY FIVE INDEPENDENT UNITS; THE SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE, TWO POLITICAL SCHOOLS, A MILITARY SCHOOL IN ANGOLA AND THE LIAISON UNIT FOR OPERATIVE ACTIONS IN ARGENTINA. THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY SCHOOLS ARE PREPARING CADRE FOR RETURN TO ARGENTINA AT A PROPITIOUS TIME.

7. SOURCE STATED THAT THE PRESENT LEADER OF THE PRT/ERP IS SECY GENERAL ARNOLDO JUAN KREMER, AKA "CAPTAIN LUIS", AKA "LUIS MATINI." BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 11 DEC 2014], ARGENTINE DOCUMENT LE 4736362.

KREMER IS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF MAXIMIZING THE POLITICAL EFFORTS OF THE PRT. HE DISFAVORS MILITARY ACTIONS THAT UNNECESSARILY WASTE CADRE AND BELIEVES THAT SANTUCHO'S CRITICAL ERROR WAS TO WASTE ERP MEMBERS IN USELESS AND FUTILE COMBATS WITH THE ARGENTINE MILITARY FORCES. HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT DISAVOW MILITARY ACTION BY PRT/ERP AS THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE ERP IS BASED ON THE "PROPAGANDA OF THE DEED." CONSEQUENTLY, SOME MILITARY ACTION MUST CONTINUE TO KEEP THE ERP IMAGE ALIVE IN ARGENTINA AND TO GIVE SUBSTANCE TO THEIR CADRE. HOWEVER, HIS MAIN ORIENTATION IS TOWARDS POLITICAL ACTIVITY WHEN AND IF THE CLIMATE IS RIPE FOR A MAXIMUM EFFORT IN ARGENTINA.

8. SOURCE STATED THE ERP, IN SPITE OF SERIOUS SETBACKS,  
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RETAIN THEIR VERTICAL CHAIN OF COMMAND AND THE LEADERS IN EUROPE ARE STILL COMPLETELY IN CONTROL OF THE MOVEMENT IN ARGENTINA. SOURCE STATED ERP MAINTAIN CADRE ALSO IN ITALY, SPAIN, CENTRAL AMERICA AND BRAZIL. THE CADRE IN BRAZIL IS QUITE LARGE AND PROVIDES A COVERT SUPPORT ELEMENT WITH A STRONG LINK TO THE MONTONERO TERRORISTS. THEY HELP COORDINATE ORDERS FROM THE POLITICAL BUREAU TO THE ARGENTINE MEMBERS AND ALSO ARE HELPFUL IN REMOVING AND INFILTRATING PRT/ERP MEMBERS INTO AND OUT OF ARGENTINA. HOWEVER, THE BRAZIL GROUP DOES NOT MAINTAIN A COMBATANT GROUP AS SUCH NOR DOES IT OPERATE OVERTLY AS PRT/ERP. SOURCE STATED THE ELEMENTS IN EUROPE, PARTICULARLY ITALY AND SPAIN, AND ENGAGED IN SOLIDARITY WORK AND IN ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP POLITICAL SUPPORT WITH WORKERS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT IN THE ITALIAN AUTOMOBILE WORKS OF FIAT AND FERRARI. SOURCE STATED POLITICALLY THE PRT HAS



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PURGED ITSELF OF ALL TROTSKYITE ELEMENTS AND IS A  
COMPLETELY MARXIST-LENINIST PARTY.

9. SOURCE STATED THAT PART/ERP CADRE IN ARGENTINA ARE  
UNDER-FINANCED. IN 1976 THEY OBTAINED A LOAN OF SIX  
HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE MONTONEROS BUT THAT  
WAS THE LAST MAJOR SOURCE OF CAPITALIZATION THE SECURITY  
SOURCES ARE AWARE OF. THEIR WEAPONS ARE OF POOR QUALITY  
AND MOST ARE REVOLVERS AND A FEW AUTOMATIC WEAPONS  
STOLEN FROM POLICE. THEY USE EXPLOSIVES WIDELY AND  
THEIR FAVORITE IS SIMILAR TO A CLAYMORE MINE WHICH IS  
OFTEN PLANTED UNDER CARS, ALONG SIDE OF BUILDINGS OR IN  
A CAR PARKED OUTSIDE OR INSIDE A BUILDING. THE MOST  
RECENT CASE WAS THE BOMBING ON MAY 11 IN THE SAN MARTIN  
THEATER IN BUENOS AIRES. AS A RESULT OF THIS OPERATION,  
THE SECURITY FORCES ELIMINATED 27 MEMBERS OF THE PRT/ERP  
IN ADDITION TO THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES, ERP WHEN POSSIBLE  
UTILIZE AMBUSH OF TARGERS, USING 2-3 PEOPLE WITH AUTO-  
MATIC WEAPONS WORKING FROM A STOLEN VEHICLE. THIS GROUP  
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IS GIVEN BACKUP SUPPORT BY SEVERAL PERSONS IN ANOTHER VEHICLE WHO MAY ALSO HAVE GRENADES. THIS ACTIVITY IS VERY LIMITED DUE TO THEIR LACK OF LOGISTICS AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL. AT PRESENT THE PRT/ERP CADRE ARE MADE UP OF YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO ARE NOT HIGHLY SKILLED AND NOT WELL INDOCTRINATED POLITICALLY. THEY HAVE MADE MANY SERIOUS MISTAKES IN OPERATIONS AND THEIR INTERNAL SECURITY IS POOR. ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF THEIR FORCES ARE MADE UP OF WOMEN. THEY HAVE ONLY LIMITED CAPABILITY FOR COMBATIVE ACTION AND IF THE GOVT MAINTAINS ITS PRESSURE ON THEM, EVENTUALLY THEY WILL BE ELIMINATED AS A POLITICAL TERRORIST ELEMENT IN ARGENTINA.

10. SOURCE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING NAMES OF PRT/ERP AND J.G. (REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS PARTY/REVOLUTIONARY ARMY OF THE PEOPLE, AND THE GUEVARA YOUTH) PERSONNEL LIVING ABROAD:

- ALL, CARLOS EMILIO, AKA "CAPT. ALEJANDRO," BORN IN SANTA FE, [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 11 DEC 2014], SONE OF CARLOS EMILIO AND AMALIA RODRIGUEZ. DOCUMENTS: LE 4797803 OR 4792803; CIPF 6917578; CI 2225447 OR 2215626 IN PROVINCIAL REGISTRY. WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR LOGISTICS AND INTELLIGENCE OF THE PRT/ERP.
  - AUGIER, NELIDA ARGELIA, AKA "LT POLA" OR "KIKA;" HEAD OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE OF PRT/ERP. NO OTHER DATA AVAIL.
  - COPPO, ROBERTO EDUARDO, AKA "RAMON", "SANTIAGO", OR LT BARTOLO." BORN IN LOS QUIRQUINCHOS, SANTA FE PROVINCE, [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 11 DEC 2014], SONE OF EDUARDO SEGUNDO AND ANGELA MARIA MARISICH. DOCUMENTS: LE 6144100. MEMBER OF MILITARY SECTION PRT/ERP. PRESENTLY IN ANGOLA ATTENDING MILITARY SCHOOL.
  - CONCETTI, RUBEN S., AKA "LEOPOLDO". MEMBER OF POLITICAL BUREAU, PRT/ERP. PRESENTLY IN ROME, ITALY.
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- GAGGERO, MANUEL JUSTO, AKA "ENRIQUE." BORN IN PARANA, ENTRE RIOS PROVINCE, [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 11 DEC 2014], SON OF LUIS YOLANDO AND SUSANA EMILIA PEREZ. DOCUMENT: LE 5939344. IS A MEMBER OF THE COMMON FRONT WITH THE MONTONEROS. NOW IN MEXICO CITY.
- GORRIARAN MERLO, ENRIQUE HAROLDO, AKA "RICARDO GUNGO," "EL PELADO," "CAPT. RICARDO" OR "MATEO." BORN IN SAN NICOLAS, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 11 DEC 2014], SON OF ASENCIO AND IRMA BEATRIZ MERLO. DOCUMENT: LE 4685510. MEMBER OF POLITICAL BUREAU, PRT/ERP.
- KREMER, ARNOLDO JUAN, AKA "CAPT. LUIS" OR "LUIS MATINI." BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 11 DEC 2014], SON OF JUAN AND IRENE BALUDANO. DOCUMENT: LE 4736362. SECRETARY GENERAL OF PRT/ERP.
- LEDESMA, JUAN CARLOS, AKA "RAMON" OR "MARCELO." BORN

[Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 11 DEC 2014] IN LA BANDA, PROVINCE OF SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO,  
SON OF VICTOR ADRIA AND MARIA FILOMENA MATILDO MARTINEZ.

DOCUMENT: LE OR CI 5786075. WAS A MEMBER OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL SECTION AND RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TUCUMAN REGION.

- OROPEL, JULIO ALFREDO, AKA "EL NEGRO," "JORGE" OR  
"JULIAN." BORN IN GUASA PAMPA, CORDOBA PROVINCE, [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 11 DEC 2014]  
. DOCUMENT: LE 6693587. MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL  
BUREAU, PRT/ERP.

- SANTUCHO, JULIO CESAR, AKA "ENRIQUE," BORN IN TUCUMAN  
[Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 11 DEC 2014], SON OF FRANCISCO DEL ROSARIO AND MANUELA  
DEL CARMEN JUAREZ. DOCUMENTS: LE 7984867, AND  
CI 7069862. MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU. HE IS  
PRESENTLY IN ROME, ITALY.

- IRURZUN, HUGO ALFREDO, AKA "CAPT SANTIAGO." SON OF  
RENE FEDERICO AND MARGARITA CORGHY. DOCUMENT: LE  
8133394. MEMBER OF THE MILITARY SECTION, PRT/ERP.

- ORZOACOA, CARLOS NORMANDO, AKA "EL VASCO" OR "DANIEL."  
BORN IN SANTA ROSA, LA PAMPA PROVINCE, [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 11 DEC 2014].  
MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU, PRT/ERP.

- MUNITIS DE MERBILHA, MARIA NORA, AKA "ALICIA" OR "LA VIDI".  
MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECTION.

- DIEZ, ROLANDO, AKA "PACO." RESPONSIBLE FOR INTELLIGENCE.  
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THIS REPRESENTS THE MAJOR ERP LEADERSHIP ABROAD.  
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